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Mark Walker Remedial Programs, CDPHE 4300 Cherry Creek Dr. South Denver, CO 80222

RE: Voluntary Cleanup for Grandview Smelter Portion of Rico-Argentine CERCLA Site

Dear Mr. Walker:

As requested by your June 19, 1996 letter, and pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the State of Colorado, EPA is notifying you about the status of federal action at the above referenced site. EPA cannot suspend Superfund activities at the Rico-Argentine site.

The voluntary cleanup application covers only a portion of the Rico-Argentine site listed in CERCLIS. Federal actions at the CERCLIS site may continue, however, we do not anticipate any immediate on-site actions. We hope voluntary cleanup will continue so that the entire CERCLIS site is addressed. At the time all voluntary cleanups have been completed, we will reevaluate our position.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 312-6537.

Sincerely,

Lisa S. Reed

Project Manager

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